



## TOWN OF JACKSON GASOLINE PIPELINE SPILL UPDATE

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### Statement from WDNR on Revised Town of Jackson Private Well Sampling Schedule

On November 28, 2012, the WDNR approved a proposal from West Shore Pipeline for a revised sampling schedule for private wells near the pipeline break in the Town of Jackson in Washington County. Bi-weekly and weekly sampling of private water supply wells inside and outside of the Drinking Water Advisory Area has shown that the number of wells impacted by the gasoline pipeline break has remained constant for the last nine weeks, which included a recharging rain event in early October. The revised sampling schedule will be implemented starting in the first week of December.

The revised sampling schedule calls for twice monthly sampling of a majority of wells in the drinking water advisory area, with sampling coordinated so that approximately ½ of the wells in the advisory area are sampled each week. Wells outside of the drinking water health advisory area that have never had petroleum compounds detected in them, will be sampled quarterly (once every three months). In addition, the WDNR has determined that it is no longer necessary to sample wells on Jackson Drive on a regular basis. Sampling will only be conducted on Jackson Drive if the private water data from wells between Jackson Drive and the pipeline break shows the potential for petroleum impacts. The WDNR will continue to evaluate all drinking water data as it becomes available and the sampling schedule will be adjusted as conditions warrant. Private well owners in the current Drinking Water Health Advisory area will continue to be provided with bottled drinking water. **All private well owners within 2 miles of the release are reminded to call the WDNR if they notice a petroleum odor in their water.**

Since the pipeline break on July 17, 2012, West Shore Pipeline has sampled 298 private water supply wells for petroleum compounds. To date, more than 8,600 discreet water samples have been collected from homes near the release and analyzed for petroleum compounds.

Point of entry treatment systems have been installed at over 70 homes near the pipeline break. Where treatment systems have been installed, the water has been sampled before and after treatment and the sample results have confirmed that the treatment systems are removing petroleum compounds from the water. Monitoring will continue at homes with treatment systems. Where petroleum impacts are highest nearest the spill, water tanks have been provided.

Finally, the Town of Jackson has taken [formal action](#) on November 8, 2012, requesting the WDNR to “not require Town action on a long term drinking water solution until sufficient time has passed to evaluate seasonal effects on the underground plume.” West Shore Pipeline and their consultant Arcadis continue to analyze long term drinking supply solutions, and WDNR staff are closely monitoring their progress. WDNR will provide a more detailed update on the alternatives analysis provided to the Department, as well as a formal response to the Town’s request for extending the deadline to decide on the long term water supply solution, by December 14, 2012.